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UM TO HOOK UP WITH SEXUAL ASSAULT TELECONFERENCE

MISSOULA --

How to deal with the prevalence and impact of campus sexual assault will be the thrust of a live, interactive video teleconference Monday, Oct. 18, at The University of Montana.

The program, "A Violation of Trust: Confronting Sexual Assault on Campus," is scheduled from noon to 2 p.m. in the Mount Sentinel Room of the University Center and features national experts on campus sexual assault.

A telephone hookup will allow local participants to ask questions of six panelists, including Gail Abarbanel, co-author of "Responding to Sexual Assault on Campus: A Guidebook for Colleges;" and Ron Campbell, developer of a series of training workshops titled "Working With Men: A Response to Sexual Violence On Campus."

The teleconference aims to help colleges educate students and members of the faculty, staff and local community about the prevalence and impact of date rape, gang rape, stalking and other forms of sexual violence.

Calling campus sexual assault "a crisis of enormous proportions," Victoria Schaller, coordinator of UM's Sexual Assault Recovery Service, cited statistics showing one in six female college students is a victim of rape or attempted rape and one in 15 male students acknowledges committing or attempting rape.

"This conference will provide the most up-to-date and critical information on prevention,

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education and intervention with high school and college-age populations regarding sexual assault," she said.

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